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By Maude Miller

We Love You!

Tried to get some information re St. Valentine's Day... but our children's encyclopedia turns out to be very unromantic. We quote, "There are several different explanations for the customs of sending cards of greetings and love tokens on St. Valentine's Day. All of them are probably inaccurate." How do you like that? No one seems to know for sure how the day got tangled up with love... but no matter who commenced it, we're not against it! Especially the "sending of love tokens"... like maybe, hosiery, hankies or costume jewelry for the gals; ties, socks and cufflinks for the guys (all of which we just happen to have in the Store). It's always nice to say "I love you" with something special for that special one in your heart.

Feeling real sentimental today, we suddenly got to thinking... It's 1956, a Leap Year! February 29, the date we will write only once every four years! What will YOU do with the extra day? Somehow feel it ought to be an international holiday... called "Everybody Stop Fighting And Be Kind To Everybody Else Day." Most of all we think it should be the day when we all get a chance to do the one thing we've always wanted most to do... and never had time. Any ideas, Gentle Readers, on how best to use Feb. 29? Let us know!

How can one little month get crammed with so many important days? Besides the above mentioned, there's Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday, and not one, but three Torrance Dollar Days! Just received the news... Dollar Days will be Feb. 16, 17, and 18. Charlie Gotts (of Daniel's Cafe) is newly elected President of the Torrance Retail Merchants' Association. He and the Dollar Day Committee (including our gal, Ella) are making plans for "spectacular bargains, more merchant participation, the best for the least for every shopper in and around Torrance." Pretty exciting month, huh?

Woman Side

Our firm recommendation: Buy all the red and white stuff in the store window... and look like a perfect Valentine yourself! Ever see a man who could resist a red and white dress, or skirt, or blouse? At any rate... start grabbing those Junior House two-piece cotons in marvelous shirt-maker or boat necked florals or stripes. You'll be sorry if you don't... 'cause they're crisp as lettuce, cool as cucumbers, cheap as radishes... and will garner you a whole gardenful of compliments!

Man Side

You'll really be her Valentine... in our new Bardon sport shirt with the collar that looks good unbuttoned! Comfort and looks at the same time, due to the cut of the Italian collar and neck which is lined with a contrasting stripe. In char gray and white, powder blue and white, green and white, and beige and white... long-sleeved and washable. Gee, they're handsome!

Our Side

Ella says, "Not only doth Torrance take floods in stride, we emerge bigger and better than ever. Wait 'til you see what we come up with for Dollar Days!" You can see the Retail Merchants' Association is out to prove that the best place to shop is right here at home! We think so... especially at 1311 Sartori, SAM LEVY DEPT. STORE. Naturally!

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DANCE CLUB PLANS VALENTINE DANCE

Cornstompers Square Dance Club officers were installed Saturday at the Civic Auditorium, and Bill Thompson, president, announced plans for a Valentine Party on February 11 and the second annual Heart Fund Dance on February 18.

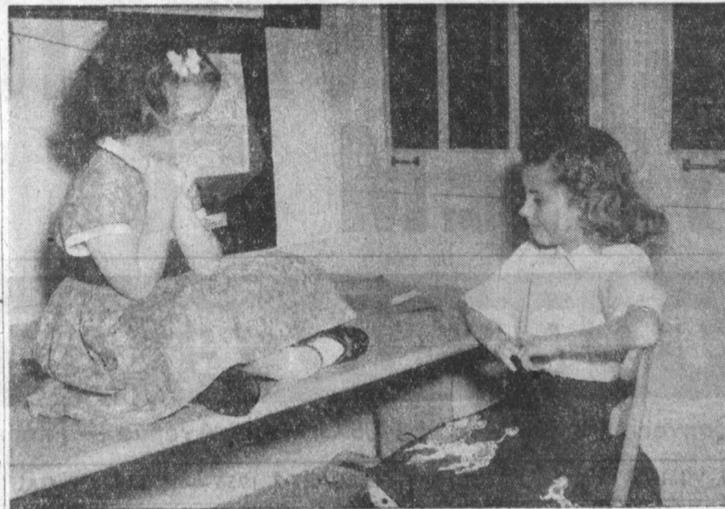
Cletus Ferrero took office as vice-president, Neal Sterner as secretary, and Guy Hight, city custodian, as treasurer.

The Corn Stompers, who dance regularly on second and fourth Saturdays, are sponsored by the city's recreation department, and both co-sponsor a beginner's class that meets on Tuesday evenings at the auditorium. Gerald Reeser is the caller for both activities, as well as the teen-age square dancers that meet on Fridays.

The beginner's class started last September and will graduate in the spring, and as a group has been invited to attend the Valentine Party. Total attendance should exceed 150 when the Corn Stompers host the beginners on their first activity as full-fledged square dancers.

Newly appointed committee chairmen are Frances Dunne, refreshments; Herbert Shirley, special events; Al Miller, entertainment.

HE WHO thinks for himself, and rarely imitates, is a free man.—Friedrich G. Klopstock.



TALKING THINGS OVER CONFIDENTIALLY are Annmarie Reyes, 5, (l) and Kay Miller, 10. Kay will soon undergo a heart operation such as Annmarie underwent when she was 3 1/2 years old.—Press Photo.

10-Year-Old Girl Will Face Heart Operation

Little 5-year-old Annmarie Reyes, a kindergarten student at Torrance elementary school, served as a symbol of hope and reassurance for Kay Miller, a little 10-year-old pupil at Carr elementary school.

Kay will soon have to undergo a three-hour heart operation at Children's Hospital. Little Annmarie already knows all about that. She, too, had the same operation not long ago. It is one of those operations which is absolutely necessary. But once it has been successfully performed, all is well.

Annmarie suffered from the same problem that Kay is suffering from now... doctors call it patent ductus arteriosus, a congenital malformation. The artery which connects the heart with the lungs does not close properly, and it must be cut and tied. That is why the operation is performed.

Waiting For Hospital
Kay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miller of 3125 West 170th street, have been anxiously waiting for word from Children's hospital in Los Angeles informing them that Kay may be brought in for her operation.

Fortunately Kay's illness is not painful, but she tires more easily than other children. The nature of her illness was first noticed in November 1953.

"Kay was quite frightened at the prospect of having this operation," Mrs. Miller said. "But the doctor explained it to her and we told her that she'd feel so much better afterwards and that she would be able to play like other children so that she feels all right about the operation now."

Discussion

Dr. K. A. Hunsaker, director of Special Education, Centinela Valley school district, was the main speaker at the recent breakfast meeting of the Torrance Elementary PTA, Inc.

Heart Fund Drive Set For Feb.

The Los Angeles County Heart association this year will seek a minimum of \$750,000 to finance the local fight against diseases of the heart and blood vessels, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, chairman for Torrance of the 1956 Heart Fund drive now in progress.

Dr. Hull said no specific goal has been established for Torrance.

"The need for funds to finance research and other program activities, aimed at reducing the toll of heart and blood vessel diseases, is so great that an established goal for any community is likely to be misleading," Hull said.

"The mythical average citizen gave only eight cents to the fight against heart diseases last year while giving as much as 30 cents to crusades against other crippling diseases which cause only a fraction of the death and disability.

"More than 10,000,000 Americans suffer some form of heart disease and nearly 800,000 cardiac die each year. In Los Angeles county, heart and blood vessel diseases caused nearly 54 per cent of the deaths due to all causes last year, including cancer, accidents, pneumonia and diabetes," Hull said.

Fund Distribution

According to Hull, 66 per cent of all funds raised locally will be used in Los Angeles county for research, education and other community services of the Heart association.

"Thousands of volunteers will be needed throughout the County to assist in making the Heart Fund Campaign a success," Hull said.

Volunteers are asked to call Davenport 9-3328 to offer their services.

Two Hurt In Traffic Accidents

Two people were injured in traffic accidents in Torrance Thursday in the worst rain storm in years.

Six-year-old Ruston Lou Betsinger, of 247 Calle de Madrid, was treated at Pacific Medical Center as a result of a two-car crash Thursday morning, shortly after nine at Via Colusa and Via Sevilla. Cars were driven by Maria Roberta Betsinger, 40, of 247 Calle de Madrid, and Blondena Lou Van Volkenburg, 28, of 113 Calle de Arboles, according to police reports.

David G. Parras, 24, resident of Redondo was taken to Harbor General hospital as a result of an auto collision Thursday night at Hawthorne and Lomita blvds. Two vehicles involved were driven by Huffine H. Burke, 59,

of 24434 Ward st. and Delgado R. Gutierrez, 24, of Redondo. Gutierrez's car ran a stop sign and crashed into Burke's car which was southbound on Hawthorne. The accident was due to wet brakes according to Police reports. The injured man suffered only minor hurts.

Fireladies Meet

The regular meeting of the Torrance Fireladies will be held on Monday, February 6, at the home of Mrs. Harlan Whitacre, 2240 231st street.



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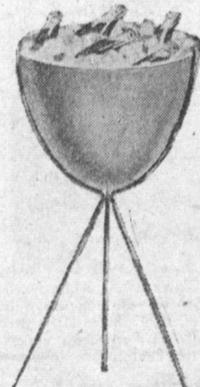
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